House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 47 public bills, H.R. 2403–2449; and 13 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 127 and H. Res. 437–448 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 689, to interchange the administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–108) and

H.R. 1170, to amend chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, to establish a grant program to encourage the development of new assistive technologies for specially adapted housing, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–109).

H.R. 1088, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a one-year period for the training of new disabled veterans' outreach program specialists and local veterans' employment representatives by National Veterans' Employment and Training Services Institute (H. Rept. 111–110); and

H.R. 1089, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the enforcement through the Office of Special Counsel of the employment and unemployment rights of veterans and members of the Armed Forces employed by Federal executive agencies, with amendments (H. Rept. 111–111).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act: The House passed H.R. 2187, to direct the Secretary of Education to make grants to State educational agencies for the modernization, renovation, or repair of public school facilities, by a recorded vote of 275 ayes to 155 noes, Roll No. 259.

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Rejected the Thompson (PA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and Labor with instructions to report the bill back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 258.

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Agreed to

Giffords amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–106) that was debated on May 13th that specifies that local educational agencies receiving funds under the act may encourage schools receiving funds for projects to educate students about those projects,

including how they function, and their environmental, energy, sustainability, and other benefits (by a recorded vote of 334 ayes to 97 noes, Roll No. 255);

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Bright amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 111–106) that was debated on May 13th that requires the Secretary to reserve 5 percent of section 102 grant funds for grants to local educational agencies serving geographic areas with significant economic distress or recovering from a natural disaster (by a recorded vote of 433 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 256); and Pages H5589–90

Griffith amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 111–106) that was debated on May 13th that includes reducing the incidence and effects of asthma and other respiratory illnesses in children among the voluntary guidelines for high performing school buildings. It also adds reducing the incidence and effects of asthma and other respiratory illnesses to the list of demonstrable and expected benefits. The amendment includes the reduction and elimination of human exposure to airborne particles such as dust, sand, and pollens among the approved uses for grant funds used by local educational agencies (by a recorded vote of 433 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 257).

Rejected:

Kline (MN) amendment to amend the title of the bill (by a recorded vote of 149 ayes to 257 noes, Roll No. 260). Pages H5593-94

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 427, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Wednesday, May 13th.

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, May 13th:

Recognizing Armed Forces Day and the exemplary service of the members of the United States Armed Forces: H. Res. 377, to recognize Armed Forces Day and the exemplary service of the members of the United States Armed Forces, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 263;

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Granting the congressional gold medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, United States Army, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II: H.R. 347, to grant the congressional gold medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry